

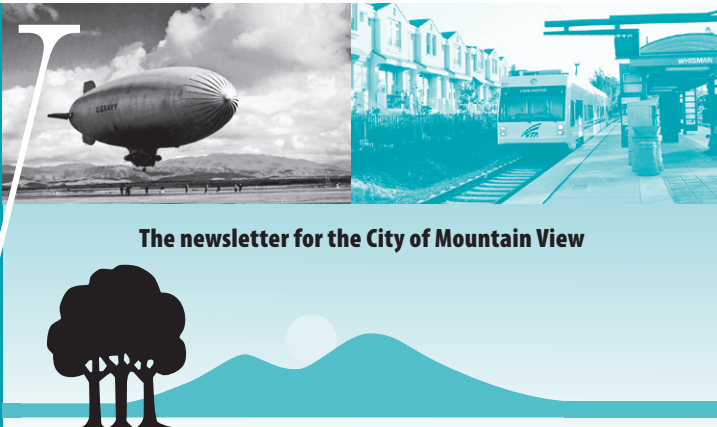
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## COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS

Share in the fun of these annual community events this Fall!

- Firefighters' Pancake Breakfast – Saturday, October 5, 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., Fire Station 4, 229 N. Whisman Road
- Halloween Monster Bash – Saturday, October 26, 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Mountain View Community Center, 201 South Rengstorff Avenue
- Reading Day at the Library – Saturday, November 16, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin Street
- Community Tree Lighting Celebration – Monday, December 9, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Civic Center Plaza, 500 Castro Street

## CITY COUNCIL ADOPTS MAJOR PRIORITIES

The City Council has set three major goals for Mountain View during the course of the next two fiscal years, including retaining and improving green space, improving bicycle and pedestrian mobility and improving service to residents and business through technology. Along with setting the goals, the Council has identified a number of specific projects to make these goals a reality.

### RETAIN AND IMPROVE GREEN SPACE AND CANOPY

Open space and the health of our urban forest are vital to the community. The continual maintenance of City parks, open space, landscaping, and the urban forest along public roadways, trails, and at facilities are ongoing City functions. In addition to the current effort to update the Parks and Open Space Plan and other significant efforts related to green space and tree canopy, it is a priority of the City Council over the next two years to:



- Update the Urban Forestry Management Plan to assess the size, composition, condition, and needs of the urban forest and develop a plan for its improvement.
- Establish guidelines for tree preservation and planting in development projects with particular emphasis on canopy and habitat preservation.
- Begin to review the Park Land Dedication Ordinance as it relates to open space requirements in development projects.

### IMPROVE BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN MOBILITY

Creating an environment that makes alternative forms of transportation, such as walking and bicycling, easier for Mountain View residents is critical to the community's health and sustainability. The City Council plans to commit millions of dollars in capital project funding over the next two years to promote bike and pedestrian safety. (For more details see page 2.)

- Design and install improved Permanente Creek Trail crossings at Charleston Road and Amphitheatre Parkway.
- Modify Castro Street between El Camino Real and Miramonte Avenue to improve bicycle and pedestrian safety.
- Continue the Safe Routes to School Education Program.
- Update the Bicycle Transportation Plan.
- Complete a Shoreline Transit Corridor Feasibility Study.
- Study options to improve the bicycle and pedestrian environment along California Street and Escuela Avenue.
- Resurface segments of Rengstorff Avenue, Old Middlefield Way, and Charleston Road, and install new bike lanes on Charleston Road.



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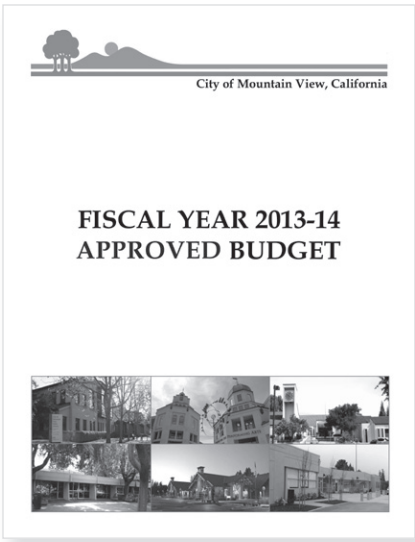
## COUNCIL ADOPTS BUDGET

In June, the City Council adopted the FY 2013-14 City budget, the capital improvement projects list, and the Council's major goals for the next two years. Revenues are projected to continue the City's slow recovery from the 2007 recession and are expected to be sufficient to fund expenditures. This is the first adopted budget since the "great recession" in which no reductions were needed to balance the budget. The adopted budget also includes a few new expenditures for high-priority programs.

The General Operating Fund (GOF) funds the core services provided by the City and has been affected the most by economic conditions. For FY 2013-14, the projected growth in revenues of \$4.5 million will fund the increase in expenditures of \$2.9 million. Total GOF expenditures are \$98.4 million. The adopted budget includes nondiscretionary increases totaling \$395,500 and discretionary increases totaling \$243,200. After accounting for projected budget savings of \$2.8 million, the projected surplus for FY 2013-14 is \$1.9 million. The full budget can be found on the Finance Department page of the website.

For more information on the budget and its process:

- Visit 'City Budget Updates' on the main page of the City's website at [www.mountainview.gov](http://www.mountainview.gov).
- Subscribe to budget E-mail notifications online on the City's website at [www.mountainview.gov](http://www.mountainview.gov).
- Contact the City Manager's Office at (650) 903-6301, or E-mail [city.mgr@mountainview.gov](mailto:city.mgr@mountainview.gov).



## MESSAGE FROM THE CITY MANAGER — MOUNTAIN VIEW RECOVERING FROM THE "GREAT RECESSION"

The City's financial health is shaped, to a large degree, by economic forces beyond our control and has been significantly impacted by what has become known as the 'Great Recession' that began in December 2007. Although this recession was officially declared over as of December 2009, the recovery has been long and slow. Stubbornly high unemployment, lackluster consumer spending, and slowly recovering housing and property values prolonged the recovery. The Presidential campaign and the Euro-crisis contributed additional domestic and global uncertainty during 2012.

The economics of the nation, states, and local agencies are tied together and even in Silicon Valley, which is leading the country out of the recession, the recovery remains fragile. While all governmental agencies faced financial challenges during the recession, the City of Mountain View weathered the recession better than most. The City's sound fiscal practices and budget discipline have allowed the City to maintain quality services and keep its AAA bond rating, a status few other California cities can claim.

— Dan Rich, City Manager

### DID YOU KNOW...

The City of Mountain View's General Operating Fund (GOF) is stable, but there are still major unfunded capital needs in the City. Addressing the long-term infrastructure of the City is one of the City Council's primary goals. The following projects would help preserve our current infrastructure while providing for future needs:

- Creation of a large new community park.
- Renovation of the existing Community Center at Rengstorff Park and/or renovation/replacement of the aquatics facility.
- Renovation/replacement of the Police and Fire Administration Building.
- Construction of a freestanding Emergency Operations Center (EOC).
- Replacement of Fire Station No. 3 to replace the City's oldest station.

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IMPROVEMENTS TO HELP  
WALKERS AND CYCLISTS

One of the City Council’s current goals is to improve bicycle and pedestrian mobility and safety. The City plans to commit more than \$3.5 million to fund capital-related projects over the next two years. The funding includes a \$500,000 contribution from Google. The funds will be used for a number of bike and pedestrian projects, including:



- Continuing a program to encourage K-12 students to walk or bike to school.
- Improving pedestrian and bicycle safety on Castro Street between El Camino Real and Miramonte Avenue by reducing vehicle lanes, adding bicycle lanes, and adding safety signage and lighting.
- Constructing a new at-grade signalized crossing of the Permanente Creek Trail at Charleston Road and designing improvements to the trail undercrossing at Amphitheatre Parkway.
- Designing a new pedestrian undercrossing on Ellis Street below U. S. Route 101 to improve pedestrian access between the North Whisman Area and the NASA Ames Bayshore light rail station.
- Preparing an updated comprehensive bicycle transportation plan for the City.
- Studying a dedicated pedestrian, bicycle, and transit corridor between the Downtown Transit Center and the North Bayshore Area.
- Installing new bike racks in the downtown area.
- Studying options to improve the bicycling and pedestrian environment along and across California Street, including elimination/narrowing of vehicle lanes, increased areas for bicyclists, curb bulb outs to reduce crossing distances for pedestrians, and improved lighting and signage.
- Installing flashing beacon lights at three pedestrian

crosswalk locations on South Shoreline Boulevard.  
For more information, contact the Public Works Department at (650) 903-6311 or at [public.works@mountainview.gov](mailto:public.works@mountainview.gov).

BIKE AND PEDESTRIAN  
SAFETY TIPS

The Mountain View Police Department reminds everyone it is important for pedestrians and bicyclists to stay alert and remember the following precautions:

- Cross intersections defensively.
- Cross roadways as quickly as possible to minimize the amount of time you are in the roadway.
- Cross roadways at intersections and in marked crosswalks—do not jaywalk or cross from between parked cars.
- Before crossing, stop at the edge of the street and look left, right, and left again before proceeding.
- Look for turning vehicles.
- Walk on sidewalks if they are available.
- Wait for vehicles to come to a complete stop.
- Look for backing (reverse) lights and be aware around parked cars and driveways.
- Use caution walking near hybrid and electric vehicles because these vehicles are virtually silent while operating.

SAFETY TIPS FOR BICYCLISTS

- Maintain control of your bicycle.
- Obey the rules of the road as if you were driving a car—stop at stop signs, red lights, and signal before changing lanes or turning.
- Wear a helmet.
- Wear visible clothing and communicate your intentions by using hand signals.
- Ride in the same direction as traffic.
- Be careful when passing parked cars—occupants may not see you when opening doors or pulling out of parking spaces.

- Equip your bicycle at night with a front lamp, a rear red reflector, and yellow reflectors on pedals or shoes.
- Properly register your bicycle.

BIKE SHARE PROGRAM BEGINS

Mountain View is one of five Bay Area cities participating in the Bay Area Bike Share Pilot Program. The Bike Share system enables members to check out a bike from a network of automated bicycle stations, ride to their destination, and return the bike to a different station. Bike Share provides a convenient and affordable transportation alternative or supplement to cars and mass transit.



The pilot program currently deploys 700 bicycles at 70 bicycle stations in five peninsula cities including Mountain View, San Jose, Palo Alto, Redwood City, and San Francisco. Mountain View’s seven bicycle stations are located near the following transit, employment, and service/retail destinations:

- Mountain View Transit Center
- City Hall
- Castro Street/El Camino Real
- Evelyn Avenue Light Rail Park-N-Ride
- San Antonio Shopping Center
- San Antonio Caltrain Station
- Rengstorff Avenue/California Street

The pilot program is funded through a combination of local, regional, and Federal grants, including \$4.3 million from the Metropolitan Transportation Commission’s Innovative Bay Area Climate Initiatives Grant Program. The pilot program is expected to run for a period of one to two years with the goal of transitioning into a full-scale, self-sustaining, permanent program for Bay Area communities. For more information, including membership fees, visit the Bike Share website at [www.bayareabikeshare.com](http://www.bayareabikeshare.com).

NEW ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICE PROVIDER

Mountain View now partners with the Silicon Valley Animal Control Authority (SVACA) to provide animal control services to the City. Services include care for injured, lost and abandoned companion animals, spay and neuter services, animal shelter services, animal cruelty investigations and animal law enforcement, as well as education, outreach and volunteer programs.



Mountain View residents can no longer call or go to the Palo Alto Animal Services Shelter to receive animal control and care services. Instead, SVACA now responds to animal control calls in Mountain View.

SVACA is located at 3370 Thomas Road off Montague Expressway near US Highway 101 in Santa Clara. For more information, visit [www.svaca.com](http://www.svaca.com) or call SVACA at (408) 764-0344 during normal business hours. Residents are also invited to visit the shelter.

The City is considering amendments to its animal ordinance. Mountain View residents are invited to provide input by completing an on-line survey at <http://svy.mk/14HBZn5>. Visit [www.mountainview.gov](http://www.mountainview.gov) for more information.

CRIME-BURGLARY SAFETY TIPS

PD LAUNCHES TipSOFT

The PD recently launched an anonymous text tool courtesy of TipSoft that doesn’t require you to download an app. Here is how you can be the eyes and ears of the community anonymously.

- Use a phone capable of sending and receiving text messages.
- Use the MVPD’s number: 274637.
- Include “mvtips” in the body of your text. This only needs to be in your initial text message.

Read more on: <http://mountainviewpoliceblog.com/2013/07/18/how-to-text-mvdpd-good-intel-anonymously>.

RESIDENTIAL TIPS

You can help prevent house and vehicle break-ins by taking the following precautions suggested by the Mountain View Police Department.

- Close blinds and curtains when you leave the house, including those on garage and shed windows.

- Equip all doors and windows with high quality locks, deadbolts, and padlocks and lock them all before you leave.
- Turn on the radio, so it appears that someone is at home.
- Cut back bushes and shrubs to eliminate hiding places for burglars.
- Use surveillance cameras to deter crime and catch suspects. They are relatively inexpensive and easy to install.

VEHICLE/BIKE TIPS

- Lock all vehicle doors and secure bikes.
- Do not leave valuables in plain sight.



If your home or vehicle has been broken into, move a safe distance away and call 9-1-1. Do not enter the residence or car. Once officers reach the scene, they will notify you when it is safe to enter and may ask you not to touch anything until the area has been dusted for fingerprints.

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**City Mission Statement**  
The City of Mountain View provides quality services and facilities that meet the needs of a caring and diverse community in a financially responsible manner.





EMERGENCY OPERATION CENTER IMPROVEMENTS

The Mountain View Fire Department is nearing completion of an upgrade to its Emergency Operations Center (EOC), located inside the Fire and Police Administration Building at 1000 Villa Street. As part of the upgrade, the Department is expanding the function of the EOC to include a new County Command Training Center (CTC). The EOC is the command center for any major incident that happens within Mountain View or regionally. The new CTC will be used by various fire and police departments within the County to train personnel on state-of-the-art equipment to prepare for various emergencies.

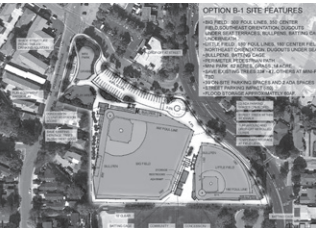


Funded by monies from the California Homeland Security Grant Program, this dual-function facility is a collaborative countywide effort by a number of government agencies to create a region-wide emergency response capability in Santa Clara County. The upgrade provides a new facility for the County, as well as an improved facility for the City.

For more information, call the Fire Department at (650) 903-6365.

MCKELVEY PARK IMPROVEMENTS

The City, working in conjunction with the Santa Clara Valley Water District, is planning improvements to McKelvey Park, located at Miramonte Avenue and Park Drive. The City Council has approved a plan to lower the existing baseball fields 15 feet below street level and construct a new concession building, scorekeeper booths, a community room, and restrooms. The plan also calls for a new mini-park at the corner of Park Drive and Mountain View Avenue.



existing baseball fields 15 feet below street level and construct a new concession building, scorekeeper booths, a community room, and restrooms. The plan also

calls for a new mini-park at the corner of Park Drive and Mountain View Avenue. The redesign of the park will allow the Water District to use the park as a detention basin as part of the District's Permanente Creek Flood Protection Project. The Water District has started design of the project and is expected to begin construction in 2015. Neighborhood meetings will be held during the design process to discuss details of the project.

For more information, contact the Public Works Department at (650) 903-6311.

MOBILE VENDING PERMITS

The City has updated the Mountain View Mobile Vending Ordinance to clarify regulations regarding the use of mobile vending services within the City. The Ordinance allows mobile vending from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. All mobile vendors operating on public or private property must obtain a Mobile Vending Permit from the Finance Department, located in City Hall at 500 Castro Street. The updated ordinance addresses mobile vending on private property, public property and at special events.

Businesses in the Downtown area that place goods and wares in front of their businesses in the flex zone must comply with the Merchant Vendor provisions of the City Code, which were also revised in the ordinance. A Development Review Permit must be obtained to place goods and wares in the flex zone downtown.

For more information, go to [www.mountainview.gov](http://www.mountainview.gov), or call Code Enforcement at (650) 526-7712.

CITY PURCHASES NEW PROPERTY

The City has purchased a 1.2-acre property at 771 North Rengstorff Avenue for future City/community use. Public meetings and/or a City Council Study Session will be held later this year to obtain public input on possible uses of the property.

For more information or to be placed on a notification list for upcoming public meetings about the use of the land, contact the Community Services Department at (650) 903-6331 or [community.services@mountainview.gov](mailto:community.services@mountainview.gov).

PRESERVING IMMIGRANT HOUSE

On May 21, 2013, the City Council voted to place the historic Immigrant House at 771 North Rengstorff Avenue, contingent upon the Council's future decision regarding the use of the property. Private funding will be required to restore the 400-square-foot historic structure.



PRECISE PLAN UPDATES UNDERWAY AFTER ADOPTION OF GENERAL PLAN

- **North Bayshore Precise Plan Update** – In May 2013, Council approved a revised scope of work for the North Bayshore Precise Plan. The next steps through 2013 include preparation of technical reports, developing plan alternatives for further analysis, and creating a policy framework. Completion of this plan is expected by the end of 2014.
- **San Antonio Precise Plan** – In April 2013, Council approved a revised scope of work for the San Antonio Precise Plan. The next steps include development of a community outreach plan and existing conditions assessment. The first round of public meetings is anticipated in September or October 2013. Completion of this plan is expected by the end of 2014.
- **El Camino Real Precise Plan** – In April 2013, Council approved a revised scope of work for the El Camino Real Precise Plan. The next steps are the formation of a corridor advisory group, development of an outreach plan, and existing conditions analysis. The first round of public meetings is anticipated in September or October 2013. Completion of this plan is expected by the end of 2014.

FOAM FOOD CONTAINER ORDINANCE

An ordinance prohibiting food vendors from providing prepared food in foam food containers is under consideration by the City. To learn more, see *The Resource* newsletter inside this issue of *The View*.

MONTHLY PLANNING DIVISION UPDATES NOW AVAILABLE

The Planning Division prepares a monthly update of private development projects and long range planning studies that are underway. The projects are organized by Change Area and Neighborhood Planning Area.

Download a PDF version of the report at [www.mountainview.gov/planning](http://www.mountainview.gov/planning).

CITY COUNCIL ADOPTS MAJOR PRIORITIES

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- Design pedestrian access improvements between the NASA Ames Bayshore Light Rail Station and North Whisman area.
- Design and install sidewalk improvements along Central Expressway, from Gemini Avenue to Moffett Boulevard.
- Design and construct Permanente Creek Trail improvements from Old Middlefield Way to Rock Street.
- Install new bicycle racks in downtown.
- Evaluate the feasibility of extending the Permanente Creek Trail from Rock Street to West Middlefield Road.
- Install pedestrian safety improvements at three South Shoreline Boulevard crosswalks.
- Consider other bicycle and pedestrian mobility improvements that are low-cost and easily implementable.
- Assist in the creation of a Transportation Management Association to primarily serve the Shoreline Community and East Whisman area.

USE TECHNOLOGY TO ENHANCE CUSTOMER SERVICE, EFFICIENCY, AND ADVANCE THE MISSION OF THE ORGANIZATION

Judicious investments in technology can improve how the City carries out its business. The City Council supports continued efforts to improve the organization's technology tools to better serve the community. In addition to more than a dozen technology enhancement projects currently under way, it is a priority of the City Council over the next two years to:

- Upgrade the Recreation registration and reservation system.
- Upgrade and enhance Library technology systems.
- Upgrade the point-of-sale system for Shoreline Golf Links.
- Study and implement downtown parking technology improvements.
- Implement an online budget transparency module.
- Implement a predictive policing software tool.
- Enhance online accessibility to public safety information and services.



CITY WEBSITE REDESIGN UNDERWAY

The City is in the process of redesigning the City of Mountain View website to provide better service and a more user-friendly resource for residents, businesses, and visitors. The redesign will include updated and improved content and make the site easier to access, navigate, and utilize.

As part of the redesign, City staff gathered input from the public via online surveys, focus groups, and a community town hall meeting. The City received more than 100 public comments on content, preferred visual cues, usability, graphics, site organization, and search features. The redesigned website is expected to be available this Fall, and will include opportunities for community feedback.

For more information, contact the City Manager's Office at (650) 903-6301, or E-mail [kimberly.thomas@mountainview.gov](mailto:kimberly.thomas@mountainview.gov).

PRIVATE DEVELOPMENT UPDATES

The City continues to work with private developers on the following project:

**455 San Antonio Road** – As part of Phase I of the ongoing San Antonio Center revitalization project, a new Safeway super market opened this past Spring. The building is designed with rooftop parking and elevators for customers. As part of Phase II of the revitalization

project, the City Council is studying a proposal by Merlone Geier Partners for a mixed-use development consisting of office, retail, cinema, and hotel uses on 9.9 acres of the former San Antonio Shopping Center.

For more information, contact the Community Development Department at (650) 903-6306.





You can register  
for Recreation classes  
online by visiting [http://  
online.activenetwork.com/  
mvrecreation](http://online.activenetwork.com/mvrecreation).

## COMMUNITY AND CULTURAL EVENTS

### READING DAY EVENTS ON NOVEMBER 16

Celebrate the joy of reading at Mountain View Public Library's 21st annual Reading Day on Saturday, November 16th from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The Library is located at 585 Franklin Street in downtown Mountain View. Free entertainment and activities are planned for all ages. Events include:

- Special performances
- Mother Goose & More event for ages 0-2
- Firefighters and Police Officers reading aloud to children
- Craft activities with the help of Crittenden Middle School students
- Stories read aloud in Spanish and Mandarin
- Scary stories read under the stairs with Crittenden students

In addition, the Friends of the Library will host its annual Book Sale from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Bookmobile garage located behind the Library. Proceeds will benefit Library programs and services. There will be a members-only presale from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. Memberships will be available at the sale.

For more information, call the Library Children's Services desk at (650) 903-6897.



### "MAY THE FOURTH BE WITH YOU"

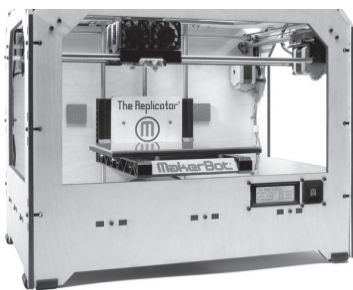
#### Star Wars Day at the Library

More than 1,000 people, many in exciting costumes, attended the Library's first-ever Star Wars Day this Spring. Events included Yoda cookie decorating, crafting Ewok cell phone cozies, posing for pictures with storm troopers, and live music. The Library plans to make the day an annual community event. For a short video of the festivities visit: <http://animoto.com/play/0pyese1nkgS6gb7iud63Jw>.



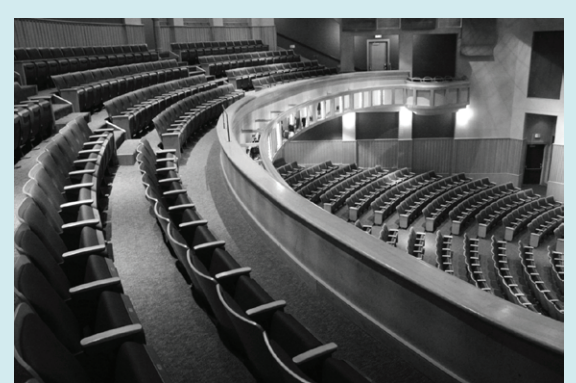
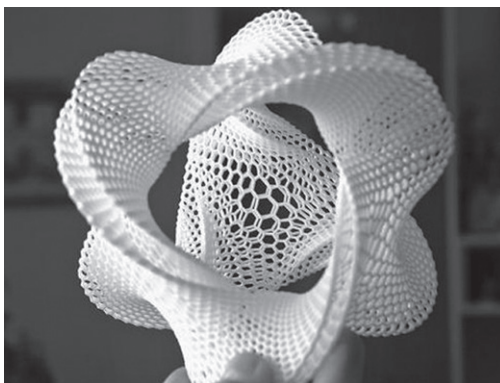
### LIBRARY HOSTS 3D PRINTING DISCUSSION

As part of an open house on the advancement of 3D printing, the Library hosted a panel discussion with experts from technology companies, including Octave, Fabricast, Printrbot, and Tech Shop. The standing-room-only crowd heard about how 3D printing is changing everything from manufacturing and the economy to medical care and education. The open



house included live demonstrations of 3D printers.

To learn about other 3D Printing events and other great classes and events offered by the Mountain View Public Library, sign up for the Library's Events E-mail newsletter at: [www.mountainview.gov/services/eazines.asp](http://www.mountainview.gov/services/eazines.asp).



### BEST SEATS IN THE HOUSE

Residents and patrons visiting the Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts will find brand new seats and carpeting in the Center's premiere MainStage theatre for the first time since 1991. Millions

of patrons have attended thousands of events during the past twenty-two years since the Center opened. With that high volume of use, the original seats and carpet reached the point where replacement was necessary.



### LIBRARY SURVEY RESULTS



This last Winter, nearly 600 Library patrons took part in a survey to help improve Mountain View's library services. Many of the ideas and suggestions made by library users are now being implemented by staff, including providing additional funding for eBooks, more drop-in children's programs, additional seating, and adding library event notifications to the City's eNotify/ "Subscribe MV" service.

The Library will also be working on an upgrade to the automated materials return system in September, implementing holds on available items later this year, and adding new titles to the DVD collection with financial support from the Friends of the Library. Library staff will also begin implementing new wireless internet service in the future.

For more information about the Mountain View Public Library, visit the Library Director's Blog at: <http://mvplibrary.org/directorsblog/?p=34>.



Check out the *Recreation Guide* inside this issue of *The View* to register for Fall classes and activities.

# SAFETY, HEALTH & WELLNESS NEWS



## NEW TEEN CENTER UNDERWAY

Construction of Mountain View’s new teen center, located at 263 Escuela Avenue on the former Rock Church property, will begin late this year. Following a survey of local teens by the Youth Advisory Committee and the Community Services Department to determine what to call the center, the newly renovated building will be named “The View.”

The View will offer expanded programs for Mountain View’s youth. For more information about youth programs in Mountain View, call the Community Services Department at (650) 903-6331.

## HEALTHY GARDENING AT FIRE STATION NO. 1

Firefighters at Station 1, located at 251 South Shoreline Boulevard, are earning a reputation as expert gardeners. The success of the station’s garden has been covered by California Bountiful magazine, Bay Area Proud TV, and multiple radio shows. The project, spearheaded by Firefighter/Paramedic Mike Robbins, produces a variety of crops, including broccoli, kale, cauliflower, and onions. The lush produce is used by the Firefighters to make healthy meals at the Station.

To read more about the garden and discover the Firefighters’ favorite recipes, visit: [www.californiabountiful.com/features/article.aspx?arID=1158](http://www.californiabountiful.com/features/article.aspx?arID=1158).

### FIRE STATION 1 KALE SMOOTHIES RECIPE

**Ingredients:**

- 2 to 3 kale leaves
- 1 banana
- 1 to 2 cups sweetened almond milk
- 2 to 3 ice cubes (optional)

**Directions:**

Blend all ingredients on high until liquefied. Drink without guilt!



## RENGSTORFF HOUSE AND SHORELINE PARK EVENTS

Shoreline at Mountain View and the historic Rengstorff House offer a full roster of Fall and wintertime events for members of the community to enjoy.

### WEDDING PLANNING AND VENDOR OPEN HOUSE

Join the Rengstorff House—and more than 30 local vendors—for an evening rental program open house featuring event planners, caterers, lighting companies, DJs, florists, photographers, and more. Located in Shoreline at Mountain View at 3070 N. Shoreline Boulevard.



RSVPs requested in advance: (650) 903-6088.

### HALLOWEEN AT THE RENGSTORFF HOUSE

A ticketed Friends of “R” House Event on:

- Friday and Saturday, October 25-26 from 7:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m., 3070 North Shoreline Boulevard.

For more information, visit [www.r-house.org](http://www.r-house.org).

### DOCENT LED WALKS

Two fast-paced, environmental, docent-led walks. Sunday, October 27 from 11:00 a.m. – noon and Sunday, November 27 from 11:00 a.m. – noon. Open to everyone. Depart the Rengstorff House at 3070 N. Shoreline Boulevard.

### HOLIDAY DÉCOR & HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE:

Holiday decorations and cheer at Mountain View’s oldest home, 3070 Shoreline Boulevard, hosted by the Friends of ‘R’ House.

- The annual Holiday Open House will be held Tuesday, December 10 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Free admission.
- For docent-led tours of the House, visit on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. or Sundays from 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

For additional information, call (650) 903-6392, visit: [www.mountain-view.gov/shoreline-walks-talks-events](http://www.mountain-view.gov/shoreline-walks-talks-events), or [www.r-house.org](http://www.r-house.org) as the event dates near.





## CONNECTING WITH YOUR COMMUNITY

### VOLUNTEER SERVICES PROGRAM – CONNECTING WITH YOUR COMMUNITY!

The City of Mountain View's Volunteer Services Program gives you the opportunity to turn your special talents and abilities into positive action. The Volunteer Services Program is committed to matching people with volunteer opportunities that enhance City services. For more information, call Bill Mykytka, Coordinator of Volunteer Services, at (650) 903-6607 or visit the City website at [www.mountainview.gov](http://www.mountainview.gov) to download a volunteer application.

**“Even though I have been volunteering at the Senior Center Reception Desk for a year, I am still amazed at how many services we provide. In addition to the many workshops, classes and events, seniors come in with various concerns. If we cannot solve them, we try to guide them to others who can. The staff are kind and helpful and a joy to work with.”**

*~ Pat DuNah  
Volunteer, Senior Center*



### HELP YOUR COMMUNITY IN AN EMERGENCY

Join a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) by signing up for free training through the City's Office of Emergency Services. CERT team training prepares local residents to help themselves, their families and neighbors in the event of a disaster. The training covers basic skills that are important to know in a disaster when emergency services may not be available.

CERT members receive training in earthquake awareness, disaster fire suppression techniques, disaster medical operations, and light search and rescue, as well as team organization and management. Trained emergency personnel, including Firefighters and emergency medical services personnel, teach all classes.

The CERT Program is free to all residents of Mountain View and those who work at a Mountain View business. Training is provided in English, as well as other languages, including Spanish. For more information and to register, call the Office of Emergency Services at (650) 903-6825, or use the 'Register Online' link at: [www.mountainview.gov/city\\_hall/fire/programs\\_n\\_services/cert.asp](http://www.mountainview.gov/city_hall/fire/programs_n_services/cert.asp).

### GREEN SAVINGS, EVENTS AND TIPS

#### LOW-COST FINANCING FOR GREEN UPGRADES

Commercial and multifamily property owners may be eligible for low-cost financing for clean energy and water conservation upgrades at their Mountain View properties through the City's participation in the CaliforniaFIRST program.



CaliforniaFIRST offers low-cost financing for energy efficiency, renewable energy and water conservation upgrades that are permanently affixed to commercial and multifamily properties. Eligible upgrades include energy-efficient lighting, windows and doors, insulation, heating and cooling (HVAC) equipment, solar photovoltaic (PV) and hot water systems, cool roofs, electric vehicle charging stations, low-flow toilets, urinals, showerheads and grey water systems. The minimum financing amount is \$50,000. For more information or to apply for financing, visit [www.CaliforniaFIRST.org](http://www.CaliforniaFIRST.org).

#### FREE HOME ENERGY ASSESSMENTS

Join more than 1,300 of your neighbors already saving an average of \$170 per year on their energy bills by signing up for Energy Upgrade Mountain View (EUMV). EUMV is a free, City-sponsored program that helps homeowners and renters identify easy, no- and low-cost ways of saving energy at home. Participants receive a personalized analysis of their home energy use and customized recommendations to reduce their energy use and carbon emissions. For more information or to sign up for EUMV, visit [www.EnergyUpgradeMV.org](http://www.EnergyUpgradeMV.org).

#### FREE WATER-WISE HOUSE CALLS

Get a water-use assessment for your home, recommendations for reducing indoor and outdoor water use, and free water-saving devices by participating in our Water-Wise House Call program. Free house calls are available Monday through Saturday; call (800) 548-1882 to schedule an appointment.

#### GREEN GARDEN SHOWCASE

Join Mountain View's Green Garden Showcase to share your

gardening success and inspire others to adopt earth-friendly landscaping practices. Showcase gardens use water efficiently, incorporate California native plants and support wildlife. Learn more at [www.gardenshowcase.mountainview.gov](http://www.gardenshowcase.mountainview.gov).

#### COMPOST TO SAVE WATER

Save water indoors by composting food waste instead of sending it down your garbage disposal. Save water outdoors by applying compost to your garden to retain soil moisture and reduce plant-watering needs. Learn more about composting at one of the classes listed in *The Resource* section in this issue of *The View* or at [www.reducewaste.org](http://www.reducewaste.org). Mountain View residents can also pickup free compost from the SMaRT Station in Sunnyvale. For more information call (408) 752-8530.

#### FREE WATER-WISE LANDSCAPE CLASSES

In partnership with the Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation Agency (BAWSCA), the City of Mountain View is hosting landscape education classes this Fall to help customers use water more efficiently.

- **Plant Selection & Water Needs for Combined Water-Efficient and Edible Gardens** – Learn how to design a garden to combine water-efficient plants with edible plants. Thursday, September 5, 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
- **California Native Gardening (Hands-On)** – Learn how to design and install an attractive garden using water-efficient California native plants. Attendees should dress for gardening and bring a pair of gloves. Saturday, September 28, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
- **Harnessing the Rain** – Learn about rain gardens and other strategies for capturing, storing, and using rainwater. Thursday, October 10, 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
- **So Long, Thirsty Lawn!** – Learn how to reduce your lawn's water needs through strategic maintenance practices and how to convert your lawn into an attractive low-water-use landscape with California native and drought-tolerant plants. Saturday, October 26, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Registration is required. For more details and to register for a class, call (650) 349-3000, or visit [www.bawasca.org/classes](http://www.bawasca.org/classes).

#### TREE PRUNING INFORMATION

The City advises residents to take care when pruning trees. Improper pruning causes damage that will last for the life of the tree and often shorten the tree's life. Trees should never be topped. Poor pruning or topping of a Heritage Tree is a violation of Mountain View's Heritage Tree Ordinance and can result in fines for the property owner.

Questions about whether your tree needs to be pruned can be addressed with an inspection by a certified arborist. To find a local certified arborist, contact the International Society of Arboriculture at (888) 472-8733 or visit [www.isa-arbor.com](http://www.isa-arbor.com).

#### WHAT IS A HERITAGE TREE?

A Heritage Tree is any tree that has a trunk with a

circumference of forty-eight inches (48") or more measured at fifty-four inches (54") above natural grade. Multi-trunk trees are measured just below the first major trunk fork. Three species—oak, redwood and cedar—are considered Heritage if they have a circumference of twelve inches (12") measured at fifty-four inches (54") above natural grade. Heritage trees require a permit for removal. Download an application online at [www.mountainview.gov/civica/filebank/blobdload.asp?BlobID=9926](http://www.mountainview.gov/civica/filebank/blobdload.asp?BlobID=9926).

If you have questions about the Heritage Tree Ordinance or the street tree at your residence, call the Community Services Department's Forestry Division at (650) 903-6273.

### WHO TO CONTACT FOR CABLE, PHONE, AND INTERNET CONCERNS

Mountain View has agreements with two cable television franchises to provide services in the City, Comcast and AT&T. The City's agreement with these cable companies is a statewide franchise authorized by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC). The City Manager's Office works with the cable companies to resolve customer issues and helps ensure the very best possible service to Mountain View citizens.

For questions or concerns regarding your cable service or bill, the first step is to contact the provider directly. To reach the customer service department of your local cable company, or the CPUC, use the following contacts:

Comcast:	(800) COMCAST	<a href="http://www.comcast.com">www.comcast.com</a>
AT&T:	(800) 222-0300	<a href="http://www.att.com">www.att.com</a>
CPUC:	(800) 649-7570	<a href="http://www.cpuc.ca.gov">www.cpuc.ca.gov</a>

### PG&E GAS PIPELINE SAFETY WORK IN MOUNTAIN VIEW

Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) has been performing safety work on natural gas pipelines in the City over the last year and projects will continue into 2014. Information about PG&E safety measures and testing can be found on PG&E's website at [www.pge.com/gassystem](http://www.pge.com/gassystem).

You can also call PG&E at the following numbers:  
Customer Care: 1-888-743-7431 between 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.  
or 1-800-743-5000 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.



**City Offices will be closed for holiday observances:**

- September 2
- November 11
- November 28 and 29
- December 24 and 25 (with City Hall closed December 24 — January 2, 2013)

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## CALENDAR OF REGULAR MEETINGS\*



Please check the City website at [www.mountainview.gov](http://www.mountainview.gov), KMVT (cable TV Channel 26), or contact the City Clerk's Office at (650) 903-6304 to confirm dates and times. Agendas are posted on the web site—please see the calendar or public records links. Agendas are also posted on the bulletin board outside City Hall.

**City Council** – meets the second and fourth Tuesday of the month, 6:30 p.m., Council Chambers, City Hall, 500 Castro Street. (Occasional study sessions meet on many of the other Tuesdays.)

**Library Board** – meets the third Monday of the month, 7:30 p.m., Library Conference Room, Library, 585 Franklin Street.

**Environmental Planning Commission** – meets the first and third Wednesday of the month,

7:00 p.m., Council Chambers, City Hall, 500 Castro Street.

**Human Relations Commission** – meets the first Thursday of the month, 6:30 p.m., Plaza Conference Room, City Hall, 500 Castro Street.

**Parks and Recreation Commission** – meets the second Wednesday of the month, 7:00 p.m., Senior Center, 266 Escuela Avenue.

**Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee** – meets bi-monthly the last Wednesday of the month, 6:30 p.m., Plaza Conference Room, City Hall, 500 Castro Street.

**Downtown Committee** – meets as needed.

**Performing Arts Committee** – meets the third Wednesday of the month, 6:00 p.m., Atrium Conference Room, City Hall, 500 Castro Street.

**Visual Arts Committee** – meets the second Wednesday of the month, 6:00 p.m., Atrium Conference Room, City Hall, 500 Castro Street.

**Youth Advisory Committee** – meets the first Monday of the month at 4:30 p.m., Community Center, 201 S. Rengstorff Avenue.

**Senior Advisory Committee** – meets the third Wednesday of each month at 2:00 p.m., Senior Center, 266 Escuela Avenue.

**\*All dates and locations are subject to change.**

*The View* newsletter is part of the City's community outreach and information program. Should you have any questions about the latest issue of *The View*, please call (650) 903-6210 or send an E-mail to: [kimberly.thomas@mountainview.gov](mailto:kimberly.thomas@mountainview.gov)

## HIGHLIGHTS OF UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

• **Firefighters' Pancake Breakfast** - Saturday, October 5, from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Fire Station 4, 229 N. Whisman Road. Enjoy pancakes, sausage, fruit, juice and coffee, and check out fire apparatus, medical equipment, and rescue gear. All proceeds will be donated to the Alisa Ann Ruch Burn Foundation.

• **Halloween Monster Bash** - Saturday, October 26 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Mountain View Community Center, 201 South Rengstorff Avenue. The event will include Halloween games, dance party, and costume parade from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., and an outdoor movie beginning at 6:30 p.m.

• **Reading Day at the Library** - Saturday, November 16 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at 585 Franklin Street in downtown Mountain View. Free entertainment and activities are planned for all ages. The Friends of the Library will also host its annual Book Sale from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Bookmobile garage located behind the Library. For more information, call the Library Children's Services desk at (650) 903-6897.

• **Community Tree Lighting Celebration** - Monday, December 9, 2013 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Civic Center Plaza, 500 Castro Street. Enjoy live holiday music, refreshments, lights and the arrival of Santa Claus. Children can have their picture taken with Santa at this free event. Guests are encouraged to bring a can of food to benefit the Community Services Agency of Mountain View. For more information, call the Recreation Division at (650) 903-6331.



### CITY HALL ON FACEBOOK AND TWITTER

City Hall now has more than 1,400 'likes' on Facebook and nearly 300 on Twitter. You can stay in touch with what is happening in City government and provide your input by linking to City Hall.

- City Hall on Twitter: <https://twitter.com/mtnviewcityhall>
- City Hall on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/pages/City-of-Mountain-View-City-Hall/116873408490248?ref=stream](http://www.facebook.com/pages/City-of-Mountain-View-City-Hall/116873408490248?ref=stream)



## OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE YOUR COMMUNITY! CITY BOARD, COMMISSION, AND COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Applications will be accepted until September 20, 2013, for Mountain View citizens wishing to serve on one of the following:

- **LIBRARY BOARD** (1 position)  
(Meets on the third Monday evening of the month)
- **ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING COMMISSION** (2 positions)\*  
(Meets on the first and third Wednesday evenings of the month)
- **PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION** (2 positions)  
(Meets on the second Wednesday evening of the month)
- **DOWNTOWN COMMITTEE**  
—Downtown Property and Business Owner Category (2 positions)  
—Business-at-Large Category (3 positions)  
—Community-at-Large Category (1 position)  
(Meets as needed on a Tuesday morning)
- **SENIOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE** (4 positions)  
(Meets on the third Wednesday afternoon of the month)

### \*FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING COMMISSION APPLICANTS ONLY:

Supplemental Questionnaire (Pre-interview Application): Candidates are required to submit, along with their City application form, a typewritten response, limited to 350 words, to the following questions:

1. What qualifies you for this position?
2. What do you think are the major issues for land use planning in the City of Mountain View?
3. Give some Mountain View examples of successes and failures in planning.

There may be incumbents who wish to be reappointed.

The board, commissions, and committees are volunteer positions and serve in an

advisory capacity to the City Council. Appointments are available on an equal opportunity basis. For further information and an application, call the City Clerk's Office at (650) 903-6304. An application can be downloaded at [www.mountainview.gov](http://www.mountainview.gov).

## COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEES

In addition to the standing committees like the Parks and Recreation Commission or the Environmental Planning Commission noted above, the City has Councilmember-based committees of three members of the Council. These Council-based committees meet as needed. Information on scheduling is posted in advance of each meeting.

These committees include:

- Appointments Review Committee
- Environmental Sustainability Committee
- Finance/Investment Review Committee
- Goal-Setting Committee
- Neighborhoods Committee
- Council Procedures Committee
- Rail Corridor Committee
- Technology Committee
- Transportation Committee
- Youth Services Committee

For meeting information, check out the City's website calendar at [www.mountainview.gov/events](http://www.mountainview.gov/events) on the top-right of the City's homepage-with links for meeting dates, times, locations, and public records/documents, consult the City Hall bulletin board, or see Cable-TV KMVT-Ch. 26. For further information, contact the City Clerk's Office at (650) 903-6304.

